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JOINT EMBASSY/USIS MESSAGE

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SUBJECT: PRESS REACTION TO ARAB/ISRAELI FIGHTING

1. LOCAL PRESS CONTINUES REPORT ARAB VICTORIES ON BOTH FRONTS WITH FOLLOWING HEADLINES:  
DEFEATS CONTINUE TO BE INFLICTED ON THE ENEMY AT THE BATTLE FRONTS - EGYPTIAN FORCES LIBERATE EAST QANTARA AND RAISE EGYPTIAN FLAG OVER IT - SYRIAN FORCES LIBERATE MOST OF THE CENTRAL SECTOR OF THE GOLAN HEIGHTS - EGYPTIAN AND SYRIAN FORCES REPULSE ALL ENEMY ATTACKS ON LAND, SEA, AND IN AIR.

2. EQUAL PROMINENCE GIVEN FAISAL FOR ORDER ALERTING ARMED FORCES AND HIS MESSAGES (NO CONTENTS INDICATED) TO HUSSEIN, SADAT AND ASAD. OTHER FRONT PAGE COVERAGE ACCORDED FRENCH FOREIGN MINISTER JOUBERT'S RHETORICAL QUESTION WHETHER AN ATTEMPT TO RETURN TO ONE'S LAND AND HOME CONSTITUTES AN AGGRESSION, SAQQAF STATEMENT (ACCORDING AFP) AT U.N. THAT KINGDOM MIGHT USE, IF NECESSARY, THE INFLUENCE WHICH IT ENJOYS BECAUSE OF ITS PETROLEUM RESOURCES TO SUPPORT EGYPT AND SYRIA, AND SCALI'S STATEMENT ON WITHDRAWAL OF BOTH SIDES TO POSITIONS OCCUPIED BEFORE OUTBREAK OF FIGHTING SATURDAY.

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3. EDITORIALISTS REACTED QUICKLY TO SECURITY COUNCIL

MEETING. LEADING DAILY AL MADINA SAID: "AMERICAN SENTIMENTS SEEKING TO UTILIZE THE SECURITY COUNCIL FOR THE REALIZATION OF THEIR DESIRE FOR PEACE IN THE AREA, SHOULD BE TRANSLATED INTO A SERIOUS, URGENT AND DECISIVE AMERICAN ACTION - NOT MERE PROMISES - BY ASKING ISRAEL TO PULL OUT HER FORCES FROM THE OCCUPIED LANDS, AND BY THE VIRTUAL WITHDRAWAL OF THESE FORCES. THE ARABS INSIST ON VICTORY, EVEN THOUGH THE FIGHTING MIGHT TAKE MONTHS. THUS THE MEETING OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL WILL HAVE NO AVAIL, UNLESS ITS RESOLUTION NO. 242 IS IMPLEMENTED FIRST."

4. UKAZ SUBMITTED: "IRONIC ENOUGH IS THE BIG POWERS' QUEST FOR A CEASE FIRE IN THE AREA, WHILE THEY DID NOTHING ON THEIR PART DURING THE PAST SEVEN YEARS, SAVE TRYING TO FREEZE THE SITUATION, AND ALLOW THE AGGRESSOR TO ADVANCE HIS EXPANSION GREED AT THE EXPENSE OF THE ARAB STATES. WHATEVER THOSE POWERS' POSITIONS WERE, THE WILL OF THE ARAB NATION IS NOW BEING REALIZED IN THE BATTLE OF LIBERATION."

5. AD NADWA OPINED: "THE ARABS HAVE CAREFULLY LISTENED AND RESPONDED TO EVERY INTERNATIONAL RESOLUTION TO STOP FIGHTING. THEY RESPONDED POSITIVELY TO JARRING AND TO AMERICA'S INITIATIVE OF AUGUST 1970. ALL THOSE EFFORTS, HOWEVER, HAVE GONE ASTRAY, AND IT BECAME EVIDENT THAT ISRAEL UNDERSTANDS NOTHING BUT THE REASONING ON WHICH SHE BASED HER VERY EXISTENCE, NAMELY, TO CONTINUE AGGRESSION." "TODAY, THE ADVOCATES OF ISRAELI EXPANSION AND ZIONIST AGGRESSION ARE CALLING FOR PEACE. WHAT PEACE ARE THEY CALLING FOR? IS IT THE PEACE BASED ON OCCUPATION, OR IS IT THE PEACE OF CEASEFIRE, WHICH ALLOWS FOR ISRAEL TO CONSOLIDATE HER EXISTENCE AND AGGRESSION IN SINAI, GOLAN AND PALESTINE?"

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